

Elwell Wasn't Broke at Death, Says Attorney

**Counsel for Estate Asserts
Slain Man Could Have
Raised \$100,000 Easily
Over Night if Needed
Left Trust Fund for Son**

**Lawyer Knows Nothing of
Second Will; Prosecutors
to Quiz Mrs. Wilmerding**

Joseph Elwell was in excellent financial standing at the time he was mysteriously murdered in his home, 244 West Seventeenth Street, on June 11.

This was declared emphatically yesterday by Andrew Macrery, attorney for the Elwell estate, following a discussion with Assistant District Attorney John T. Doelling. It apparently dismisses the various reports that have been current that Elwell was pressed for money.

"Elwell could have raised \$100,000 overnight at the time of his death, if it had been necessary," Mr. Macrery said.

Mr. Macrery refused to go into details concerning the financial status of the slain turtman, or discuss his estate, but he confirmed the fact that the trust fund established by Elwell for his son, Richard Derby Elwell, now a student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, actually existed.

No Will Has Been Filed
This trust fund has been variously estimated up to \$300,000. Mr. Macrery said:

"It is impossible for us to discuss the trust fund. The Elwell estate is in virtually the same condition to-day that it was two weeks ago. No inventory has been made, nor has any will been filed. There probably will be some important developments in this phase of the case early next week. Mr. Elwell had no life insurance so far as we know. We do not know any more of the alleged second will, nor of the safe deposit box that has been reported."

District Attorney Swann said he expected Mrs. Josephine Lewis Peet Wilmerding to appear at his office early this week, when she will be asked to tell all she knows of Elwell or his acquaintances.

Mrs. Wilmerding was married to Captain Maximilian Wilmerding on June 9, 1915, following a shipwreck romance she had just finished a three years' educational course in a French convent when the war commenced her return to America. She had been engaged to the late Richard Elwell, who was killed in the war. Mrs. Wilmerding had obtained the last child on the ship. Hearing of Miss Peet's point, Mr. Wilmerding gave up his statement. The acquaintance that followed resulted in their marriage, which was one of the society events of 1915.

Divorce Started in 1917
At the outbreak of the Mexican crisis, young Wilmerding joined the 1st Field Artillery and went to the front. Divorce proceedings were brought by Mrs. Wilmerding late in 1917.

Wilmerding is the son of Louis Earle Wilmerding, of Paris. His mother was Miss Sophie Schenck, a society woman. She left a trust fund of \$300,000 to her husband on her death. Mrs. Wilmerding is the daughter of George L. Peet, of Washington. She has been living with her mother, Mrs. Charles H. Peet, of this city, at her summer home Narragansett Pier, R. I. Wilmerding married again after the divorce.

As far as he can be ascertained, Mrs. Wilmerding first met Elwell at Palm Beach early in 1919.

District Attorney Swann answered several questions in connection with the Elwell murder as follows:

Q—Did Mrs. Wilmerding come down to-day? A—No, I do not think that she will be down to-day, but we have asked her to come down when she can, probably early next week.

Q—Are you going to call for Anna Kane's deposition? A—Anna Kane was formerly housekeeper for Elwell, and is now living in Ireland. A—No, I do not think so.

Q—Are there any other women except Miss Kane known as "Miss Wilson"? A—I know of none.

Investigate Anonymous Letter
The District Attorney said an investigation had been made into an anonymous communication that was published in one of the evening papers yesterday, stating that one Perotti, now in New Haven County Jail, knew Elwell, and could give information in regard to his murder. The letter said that Elwell was interested with Perotti in bootlegging.

"I had the District Attorney of New Haven and his first assistant send for Perotti from the New Haven jail," Mr. Swann said, "and interrogate him in regard to the alleged facts, and they report to me that none of the alleged facts is true. They reported that Perotti says he did not know Elwell; that he had no transactions, directly or indirectly with him, and had never heard of him before his death."

The District Attorney says he is convinced that Perotti had no dealings except in connection with wood alcohol whiskey. The whole anonymous communication was a fabrication from a disordered mind, the kind of which we are seeing hundreds. These are giving us no aid whatever, but are requiring a great deal of time and exertion to run down."

Definite information concerning the alleged second will of Elwell was obtained yesterday. Fred Ingraham, an attorney, said he had drawn this will up in 1917, but that it had never been executed. William H. Pendleton, Elwell's racing partner, who it was said appended his signature to the instrument, denied that he had done so.

The momentary quarrel between the Federal prohibition authorities and the District Attorney's office, which broke out when the Federal detectives declared they would not work with the state officials, was patched up yesterday.

August Hasenflug, who is special attorney to the local prohibition enforcement officer, assured Mr. Doelling yesterday that there would be complete and harmonious cooperation between the two offices. He said that anything obtained by the Federal authorities that might tend to throw light on the Elwell murder mystery would be immediately turned over to the District Attorney's office.

**Four Workers on Lifer
Held on Theft Charge**

The four men of the fireroom of the West Star liner Belgis arrested yesterday morning on the pier at the foot of West Nineteenth Street, charged with attempting to steal part of the cargo, were held in \$2,500 bail each when arraigned on suspicion of grand larceny before Magistrate Marsh at 11 o'clock to-day.

All of them are from Liverpool, and gave their names as George Cullen, William Hensman and Thomas Wells, Bremen, and George Patterson, a coal trimmer. They will receive a hearing on July 6.

Two Suicides in Day Of Tombs Prisoners

Two prisoners in the Tombs committed suicide and four others tried to end their lives during the twenty-four hours ended at noon on Friday.

John Murphy, twenty-five, of 111 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, charged with possessing drugs, leaped over a banister on the fourth floor to the pavement of the courtyard yesterday. He fractured his skull and died in twenty minutes. Murphy had just received a visit from his mother, and was being led back to his cell, when he broke from the keeper.

On Friday Solly Axelrod, an alleged drug addict, hanged himself with an army belt in his cell. Warden Hanley said there was an average of one attempted suicide a day in the Tombs.

Two Women Beaten, Found by Roadside After Joy Rides

**One Is Held With Man on
Charge of Intoxication;
Refuses to Press Case;
Escort Fights Police**

Long Island police picked up by the roadside yesterday morning two women, each somewhat bruised, victims of joy rides that ended in fights. A stylishly gowned woman, about forty years old, who said she was Alice Drew, was discovered lying in the gutter with a black eye and several cuts on her head, on the Springfield Road, a short distance from a sedan car. The woman was arrested, charged with intoxication. The man who was in the sedan, who gave the name of Daniel C. Dayton, of Bayside, also was arrested, charged with intoxication, using "vile and indecent" language and resisting an officer.

The other victim was Mrs. Genner Ramsey, twenty, a telephone operator, of 275 West 146th Street, who when she left work at 6 a. m. yesterday, accepted the offer of a ride from a strange man in a taxi. She leaped to avoid his attentions, she said, and was found lying unconscious on the Astoria Road, just outside Long Island City. She is in St. John's Hospital with a bad scalp wound, cuts and bruises. The police are looking for her assailant and expect an arrest shortly.

"Alice Drew" is believed by the police to be an assumed name. The woman identifying herself as such made her presence on the crowded Bayside street early yesterday morning by screams that aroused a farmer nearby, who notified the police. Patrolmen Beissel and Linden ran to the spot. The chauffeur of the sedan was on the front seat and a man was inside. When the passenger was asked who had been yelling, he replied that it was none of the policemen's business. A fight followed in which the dealer of authority got the worst of it. Further on down the road they found "Alice Drew," whose real name is believed to be Hamilton. Both were taken to the Jamaica police station, where she was asked if she wanted to make any charge against the men. She replied that she did not, and both were then held on charges advanced by the police. Both were able to furnish bail. When the case was brought before Magistrate Doyle a lawyer representing both said they were too ill to appear. The arraignment was postponed until July 13.

**Accused Broker Says He
Lost Million Since July**

**Syracuse Man, Held on Grand
Larceny Charge, Tells of
Speculations**

A dramatic recital of his experiences in losing more than \$1,000,000 in the stock market was made yesterday to the police by Robert Morris, thirty-four years old, a stock broker of Syracuse, after he had been arrested on a charge of grand larceny at the request of District Attorney Frank P. Malpassi, of the upstate city.

Morris was taken from his furnished apartment at 487 Lexington Avenue yesterday morning by Detectives Rudolph Unger and Joseph L. Jan, of the East 104th Street station, and arraigned before Magistrate Edgar V. Frothingham in Harlem court, where he was committed to jail to await the arrival of the Syracuse authorities. The prisoner said he borrowed \$350,000 of the funds of a Syracuse estate from the estate's agent last July, giving his note for the loan. In a series of bad investments, he said, he lost this money and \$850,000 besides, a part of it his own money. Unable to meet the demands of the note, he was arrested on a charge of grand larceny and after indictment, he said, was released on \$5,000 bail.

According to the broker, his object in coming to New York was to speculate and make money enough to repay the \$350,000 borrowed from the estate. During his first months here, he asserted, he has made \$50,000 in the market and expected to make another \$25,000 yesterday. He is married, he said, and his wife is in Toronto with relatives.

**Ousted Pastor and His
Bulldog on Job To-day**

**Will Preach Despite Trustees
if His Canine Guardian
Keeps Faith**

Righteousness is his armor. The law is his sword. Nevertheless, the Rev. John Buddin, pastor of the Jones African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has a large bull dog to eke out his defenses against his enemies, who seek to oust him from his church.

When the Rev. Mr. Buddin returned last week from the Zion Church conference he found his church locked; likewise his parsonage, which is in the church building. In his absence and that of the bull dog two of the church trustees, John Bailey and Charles Thorpe, decided they did not want him for a pastor any longer, and gave him the hint by locking him out.

The Rev. Mr. Buddin, however, had his reappointment papers in his pocket, and made short work of breaking the lock of the church. Bailey and Thorpe sought to have him arrested for trespassing, but the police stood by the pastor. He will preach to-day, if the dog keeps the faith.

Woman and Daughter Guilty

A mother and daughter were convicted of shoplifting in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday. They were Mrs. Edith de Fleur, forty-eight, a dressmaker, and Miss Estelle de Fleur, twenty-two, both of Montreal. They were arrested in Macy's for stealing face powder, rouge, stockings and beads. Mrs. de Fleur was fined \$50. Sentence was suspended in the case of the daughter.

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Second Floor

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Ground Floor